THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is enclosed (see below)

(c) About 3.71 lakh members of 2,800 primary cooperative societies in agriculture, allied and non-farm sectors will be benefited under the programme

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	District	Project Cost	Status
Assam	Nagaon	346.67	Completed
	Hailakandi	1121.57	Ongoing
	Cachar	1295.08	Ongoing
Manipur-	Mishanpur	201.93	Completed
	Churachandpur	188.43	Completed
	Thoubal	412.71	Completed
Meghalaya	E. Khasi Hills	181.98	Completed
	Jaintia Hills W.	361.84	Completed
	Garo Hills	703.03	Ongoing
Mizoram	Aizwal	355.31	Ongoing
	Chimmtuipui	171.17	Ongoing
	Lunglei	409.50	Ongoing
Nagaland	Kohima	250.11	Completed
	Mokokchung	208.56	Completed
	Wokha	598.33	Ongoing
Tripura	W. Triputa	310.78	Completed

Financial Assistance to Co-operative Societies

1554. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:—

(a) the details of cooperative societies functioning at present in the North-Eastern Region, particularly in Assam;

(b) the financial assistance being provided by Govermnent during the last three years; and

(c) the items alongwith their quantities distributed in North-Eastern Region during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) A Statement-I indicating the details of cooperative societies functioning at present in the North-Eastern Region is enclosed *(See* below)

(b) A Statement-II indicating the details of financial assistance being provided by the Government of India during the last three years is enclosed. *(See* below)

(c) The Govemment of India provides fmancial assistance to the State Governments in North-Eastern Region for development of cooperative activities. As such, no items alongwith their quantities have been distributed by the Govemment of India during this period.

Statement-I

Status of Cooperative Societies in North-Eastern States

Name of States	Credit Societies	Non-Credit Socieites	Total
Assam	1732	2973	4705
Manipur	324	3784	4108
Meghalaya	241	562	803
Nagaland	300	2306	2606
Sikkim	35	253	288
Tripura	400	882	1282
Mizoram	237	545	782
Total	3269	11305	14574

Statement-II

Release of Funds in North Eastern States under various Schemes

Sl. No.	Name of States	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
1.	Assam	50.21	173.79	131.27
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	20.95	13.91
3.	Manipur	116.84	23.89	269.21
4.	Meghalaya	13.08	9.25	3.00
5.	Mizoram	328.13	224.36	209.12
6.	Nagaland	311.66	395.04	1018.55
7.	Tripura	13.45	16.83	16.93
8.	Sikkim	55.35	—	—
	Total	888.72	864.11	1661.99

New Strategy for Agriculture Sector under Ninth Plan

1555. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Govemment have adopted any new strategy during the Ninth Plan to develop agriculture sector and increase crop production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to achieve the targets for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) A regionally differentiated strategy based on agro-climatic regional planning, which takes into account agronomic, climatic and environmental conditions, has been adopted during the Ninth Plan to achieve crop production targets and realise the full potential of growth in every region.